(c) The cumulative outstandings of the oil companies during the last years are as under:

	Rs./Crs.
1994-95	3,765
1995-96	5,701
1996-97	15,500

(Provisional)

(d) and (e) Revenue realised from Customs and Excise duties on crude and petroleum products during the last three years is as under:

Rs./Crores

Year	*Customs*	*Excise*
1994-95	6209.01	6694.51
1995-96	8452.89	7160.13
1996-97	12436.64	9084.41

(Provisional)

Company wise revenue collection are not maintained.

News-item captioned "Indian Oil and ONGC vie for two oilfields

414. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Indian Oil and ONGC vie for two oilfields" which appeared in "The Hindustan Times" dated the 7th July, 1997;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) what are the terms and conditions for allowing different public sector companies including ONGC for exploration of the oilfields in the country;

(d) the amount so far invested by ONGC on the oilfields, D1 and D18 offshore of the western coast; and

(e) whether Government have faced some problems in operating New Exploration Policy due to ongoing statement among oil companies?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government has taken no decision on inviting fresh bids for discovered fields.

(d) As on 31.3.1997 the total amount invested by ONGC in two oilfields D1 and D18 offshore in western coast is as follows:

(Rs. crores)

	D1 field	D18 field
Drilling cost	89.68	103.32
Capital cost	—	12.73

No, Sir.

Use of LPG Motor Vehicle Fuel

415. SHRI JAYANT KUMAR MALHOUTRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to allow the use of LPG as a motor vehicle fuel;

(b) if so, whether work on setting up of LPG dispensing facilities for motor vehicles has been completed; and

(c) the price at which LPG will be sold for use in motor vehicles?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) After considering the reports of the Expert Committees, the Government have started taking action for amendment to the relevant Acts/Rules/Control Orders on use of LPG as motor vehicle fuel.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No Decision has been taken on the pricing of LPG to be used as automotive fuel.